(ख) और (ग) भारत के अन्तर्गत यह मार्ग अपनी पूरी लम्बाई के दौरान मौजूद है ।

Admission to Navodaya Schools

1264. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently tests were conducted by N.C.E.R.T. to select candidates for "Navodaya Schools" in which 1,21,151 children appeared for admission to 81 schools;

(b) whether Government are aware that these tests were conducted without adequate publicity—back up, denying a large number of good candidates the opportunity to qualify for admission;

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to undo this harm and injustice;

(d) what are the percentage of general candidates, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes candidates and rural candidates who have qualified for admission in these tests and whether Government are satisfied with that; and

(e) if not, whether Government contemplate initiatives to improve the position in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The admission test for Navodaya Vidyalayas was designed and conducted by the NCERT. In all 1,21,151 children appeared for admission to 81 Navodaya Vidyalayas during 1986 test.

(b) and (c) Due publicity was given to this Scheme through radio, in some cases television and handouts prepared for the purpose. Applications forms were sent to middle schools in the concerned district. More publicity will be made this year besides providing more time between the test and the availability of application form.

(d) and (e) In all, 72 percent general candidates, 18 percent Scheduled Caste candidates, and 10 percent Scheduled Tribe candidates qualified for admission. The percentage of rural candidates stood at 77 percent. It is observed that the percentages for the last three categories are more than what is envisaged in the Scheme.

Buildings for Navodaya Schools

1265. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Navodaya Schools are provided with good buildings and other facilities; and

(b) what is the enrolment as on date and what is the real attendance in each of these Schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Navodaya Vidyalayas have been started where the State/UT Governments have provided land for construction of buildings and other infrastructural facilities for housing the Vidyalayas permanently/temporarily. Wherever necessary, renovation, additions/alterations have been carried out but it is a fact that there are deficiencies in many places in the facilities provides. These deficiencies will be removed when the schools come to have their own buildings.

(b) The enrolment as on date is 5608 children in 78 schools and attendance of the enrolled students is reported to be normal.